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Mr. W. L. Garrison

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Esteemed Friend

Will you have the kindness to mention to me where is to be found the best school or schools, within your knowledge, for my son and daughter now 20 and 18 years of age. I don't know as shall think best to send either to college, but wish to afford them opportunity to acquire thorough education in mathematics and the natural sciences.

They have already made some progress in these branches or some of them, a little also in Latin and German. My son has commenced French.

I apprehend they should have more thorough drilling & disciplinary mental exercises, as well as more complete and extended education, than our schools afford here, to qualify for usefulness.

I think they have good physical constitutions, fair capacity, and good moral tendencies, but with general cultivation, should probably, particularly cultivate continuity & thoroughness. It is desirable in my view to place them with teachers, whose influence will tend to inspire with hope & faith in simple obedience to the laws of the Creator. You will I know pardon me for this intrusion upon

you in behalf of my children, and if you cannot conveniently afford me the desired information and counsel, will refer me to some person who is posted and in whose counsel it will be safe to confide. I am under necessity of asking such information and advice, not having scientific or general education, to qualify for direct personal examination and judgment.

A reply at your convenience will greatly oblige me, with such suggestions as you are moved to make.

Can we reasonably hope for an early deliverance from slavery and the bloody strife which it has inaugurated?

Very truly & respectfully Yours

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